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LOCAL MAN NABBED IN SWINDLE

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Which subject that you are now studying in school will be of the most value to you in your future life?" This question was asked five Torrance High School seniors for today's column.

Susan Saari: "I think the most valuable subject that I am taking in high school is Senior English. My reason for thinking this is the great aid this course will be to me when I attend college and in my life after I finish school. Art is the subject I will use later as a hobby."

Jack Singer: "I think the leadership I am learning as a member of the Senior Council will be of the most value to me in the future. This is teaching me to get along with others and is giving me a good background in government issues. The problems that we meet in this activity are invaluable to us."

Linda Williams: "Office procedures and typing is the most important subjects I am studying in high school now and they will be of great value to me later as I plan to be a secretary. Of course, home economics is important to either a working girl or a wife."

Lynne Hyde: "I will name two subjects, Senior English and psychology are of equal importance in my future. I use both of these subjects every day and I am sure they will be of even more importance in the future, either in business or in the home."

Larry Hendrickson: "Science and math are the two subjects I am studying now that will be the most value to me later in life. As I plan to be a chemical engineer I will need every thing I can learn on these subjects."

Gas Explosion Injures Three
Three persons were hurt Saturday when their house trailer at 21427 S. Vermont Ave. was wrecked by an exploding butane tank, sheriff's deputies report.
Taken to Harbor General Hospital where their condition was described as serious were Edward McAnear, 43; his wife, Dorothy, 41; and their son, Eddie, 6.
The side of the trailer was blown out by the blast, deputies said.

Hull Wires Washington On Matter

Charges that the government may be dragging its feet in disposition of surplus Navy property here were voiced this week by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of city schools.

Disclosing texts of telegrams he sent to Sens. Clair Engle and Thomas Kuchel and Rep. Cecil King, Hull criticized the delays in releasing the property, declared surplus to operations of the Naval Supply Annex here.

He singled out the General Services Administration and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in his telegrams to the California Senators and Congressman.

"THE THING has been declared surplus and is ready for recommendation and then all of a sudden no action," he said.

In explaining his actions to the board of education this week, Hull said the property located south of the presently occupied Naval Annex at Crenshaw and Jefferson was needed to expand driver training and physical education facilities of Torrance High School.

MEANWHILE the city, which was asked last week by the GSA if it wanted to apply for the property, deferred a decision until it could be discussed in a "work session" of the council. The GSA gave the city 30 days to consider the matter.

The school district made application for the land last year when it was reported that the federal government would declare it surplus.

Planning Commission President Bert Lynn later suggested that the property be acquired by the city as a site for a research and development center.

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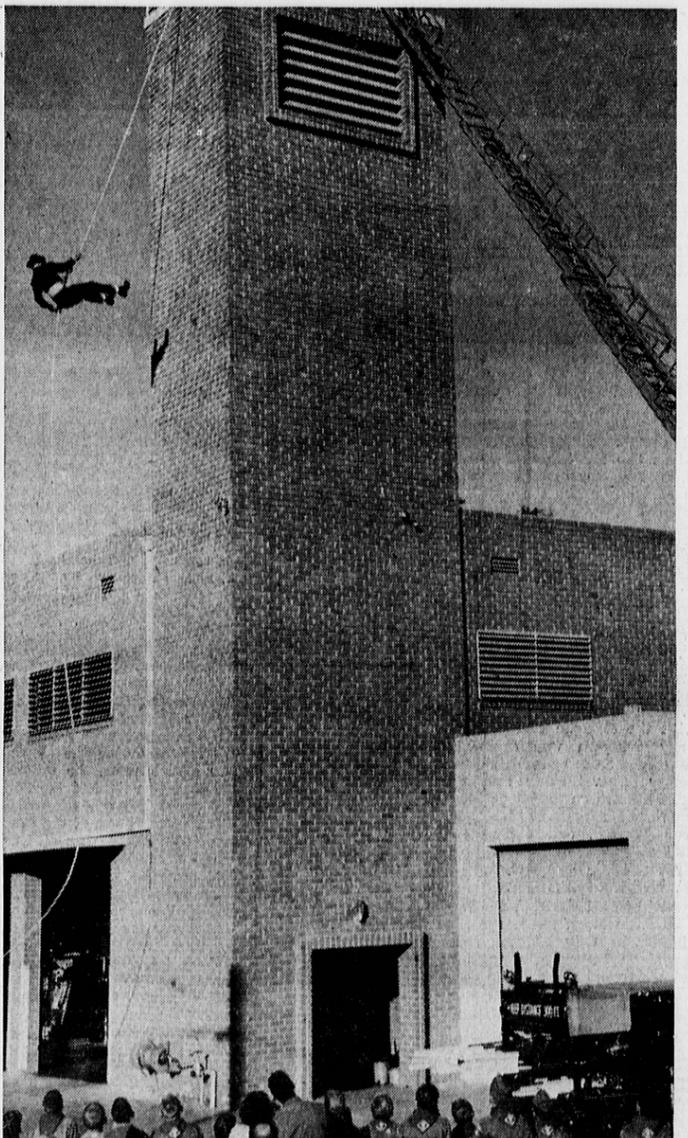
Knox will speak on legislative problems and projects for 1960.
W. E. Bowen and William Shawger are co-chairmen of the meeting.

Fitzgerald Flying to Washington
Chamber of Commerce Manager Dick Fitzgerald will leave Tuesday morning by plane for Washington, D.C. for a three-day meeting of the Local Chamber of Commerce Service Committee of the National Chamber.

Fitzgerald was appointed to the 18-man committee by President Erwin D. Canhan of the United States Chamber of Commerce recently. President J. H. Paget of the local Chamber said the national group is covering the Washington expense.

Paget added the Fitzgerald will visit two electronic firms in Camden, N.J., before returning late this week. Both firms have indicated an interest in joining Torrance's rapidly expanding industrial family, Paget said.

Slide For Life



ROPE TRICK . . . Fireman Dick DeYoung, who has been with the Torrance Fire Department only three months, goes a long way toward erasing the "rookie" tag before members of Scout Troop 656 and Cub Pack 656-C during their visit to the central fire station last week. Here Fireman DeYoung descends from the top of the multistory hose tower on a rope, using techniques which have thrilled experienced mountaineers in the world over. (See Story on Page 2)

Credit Card Ring Broken By Arrests

A Torrance actor's agent, 23-year-old Michael Kasino, 2503a Arlington Ave., was among eight persons arrested as part of a huge credit card ring which has been operating in the area in recent months.

The ring—made up for the most part with persons on the fringe of the motion picture industry—operated by having call girls steal the credit cards from men, and then sold, rented, or used the cards to make purchases.

Investigators yesterday were scheduled to check the Kasino residence here to see if anything purchased on the filched credit cards was here.

SEVERAL Hollywood call girls were filching credit cards for the ring, Beverly Hills police claimed.

John F. Hosney, 31-year-old actor, was described as the ring leader.

An estimated \$10,000 worth of clothing, hi-fi equipment, cameras, furs, and other articles have been recovered at the apartment of two of the ring members, police said.

THE ARRESTS started, police said, when one of the suspects presented the credit card of a wealthy sportsman in a Beverly Hills luggage shop. The proprietor knew the owner of the card and called police when the stranger offered it to pay for some purchases.

Police arrived in time to see the suspect sign a sales slip with the sportsman's name.

City Gets Auto Fees

Payment of \$40,657.78 to the city of Torrance has been authorized by State Controller Alan Cranston from motor vehicle license fee revenues.

The money is the first and smallest of three installments which will be paid to the city in the 1959-60 fiscal year, the state official said.

Payments are allocated on the basis of population.

Flu Bug Same As '57 Kind

By ROY O. GILBERT, M.D., County Health Officer

In recent weeks, serious outbreaks of influenza have been reported from a number of Southern and Midwestern states, Nevada, California and Hawaii, and may spread to other areas, according to officials of the U.S. Public Health Service.

As long ago as last July, outbreaks of the disease were reported from other parts of the world, particularly the Far East. At that time, during an epidemic in Ceylon, the causative agent was identified as the A2, or Asian, virus strain—the same one responsible for the 1957-58 flu epidemic and also for the outbreak that is presently rife in Los Angeles County.

THE CURRENT flu epidemic is not unlike the world-wide outbreak of 1957, as the attacks of illness were then, as now, generally quite mild in nature. However, complications, chiefly pneumonia, are not uncommon.

The usual flu symptoms include a rise in temperature of several degrees, chills, headaches, a general aching throughout the body, and loss of appetite. A sore throat and a hacking cough may be evident at times, and, occasionally, abdominal discomfort may be experienced.

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Politics Chamber Subject

Political parties and Patterns—1960" will be the topic under discussion on Tuesday morning at the January breakfast meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce at the Masonic Temple, Cabrillo Ave. and Plaza Del Amo.

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North High Career Day Events Set

North High School students will get a look at various possible careers open to them in "Career Day" activities scheduled at the school on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

More than 50 representatives of various professions—including clerks, models, newspapermen, dentists, doctors, policemen, beauticians, secretaries, lawyers, and many others—have been invited to speak to the students. Also scheduled are displays in various fields—business and industry, cosmetology, law enforcement, transportation, communications, and others.

All students will get to hear three speakers in fields of their choice. Juniors and seniors will hear talks in the morning by speakers in specific fields and freshmen and sophomores will attend afternoon sessions in general fields. School bus schedules have been arranged to fit these schedules.

Purpose of Career Day, according to Jerry Davidson, chairman, is to encourage student thinking about career choices and to allow them to get first-hand information. After talking with people actually in the field, students can better plan their programs.

Three Students in Scholarship Finals

Three students in Torrance High Schools have been named semi-finalists in the Armo Steel Corp. Community Scholarship Plan, it was announced today.

They will compete for a \$2,600 Armo Foundation scholarship in engineering or science. The Foundation is a non-profit institution established by Armo Steel Corporation for education and charitable purposes. The Los Nietos-Torrance scholarship is a new one set up following merger of the National Supply Co. with Armo.

NAMES and addresses of the semi-finalists, selected by the Foundation's scholarship committee are as follows:

Gordon Eric Eggum, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Eggum, 17240 Youkon; Otto C. Ledford Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto C. Ledford Sr., 5210 Calle De Arboles; and Kit Sims Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Taylor, 548 Calle Mayor.
Eggum attends North High School. Ledford and Taylor attend South High School.

THESE SEMI-FINALISTS

were selected on the basis of their relative standing on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test given nationally by the Education Testing Service, of Princeton, N.J.

Students must also be in the upper third of their class scholastically and plan to study chemistry, physics, or engineering.

The winners will be named by the Armo Foundation scholarship committee early in May. The selection will be based upon these factors: ranking in the College Entrance Board Tests, academic and extra-curricular record, recommendations of school faculty members, and results of personal interviews. When other factors appear equal, the element of financial need will be considered.



FIRST TIME VOTER . . . Mrs. Bertha McCutlough, left, deputy registrar of voters, assists Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Montoya, 816 W. 229th St., register for the coming primary and general elections. It was the first registration for Montoya, who expressed an eagerness to cast his first ballot in an American election this spring. (Herald Photo by Raymond Deurlon)

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